

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
  - a playlist generator that is configured to create a playlist, and includes:
    - ~~a user interface that facilitates identification of~~having means for enabling a user to identify an identified artist, said user interface having a display for displaying said playlist;
    - an artist similarity module that is configured to identify one or more ~~similar artists~~ similar to the identified artist to create an artist list;
    - ~~a said user interface that presents~~displaying the artist list to for the user, and facilitates further comprising means for facilitating the approval or modification of the artist list by a user;
    - an artist selector, operably coupled to the artist similarity module, that is configured to iteratively select a ~~selected an~~ artist from the artist list upon initiation by the user of the generation of the playlist; and
    - an item selector, operably coupled to the artist selector, that is configured to:
      - ~~select a selected an~~ item associated with the selected artist from a source of items, and
      - include an identifier of the selected item in the playlist.

2. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the artist similarity module is further configured to identify the one or more similar artists based on a plurality of artists associated with the source of items.

3. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system further comprises:

a collection of items of a user that correspond to the source of items.

4. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system further comprises:

a rendering device that is configured to render items identified in the playlist.

5. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the system is further configured to create a subset of source items from the source of items, based on one or more general preferences of the user, and wherein

the playlist generator is further configured to limit the selected item to the subset of source items.

6. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein

one or more items of the source of items are accessible  
via an Internet access.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1,

~~wherein the system further comprises:~~

~~a the user interface that facilitates~~comprises means for  
facilitating selection of a level of artist similarity by the user,  
and ~~wherein the~~ artist similarity module is configured to  
identify the one or more similar artists based on the selected  
level of artist similarity.

9. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1,

~~wherein the system further comprises:~~

~~a the user interface that facilitates~~comprises means for  
facilitating selection of a level of artist diversity by the user,  
and ~~wherein the~~ artist selector is configured to select  
the selected artist based on the selected level of artist  
diversity.

10. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim 1,

~~wherein the system further comprises:~~

~~a the user interface that facilitates~~comprises means for facilitating selection of a level of item diversity by the user,

and wherein the item selector is configured to select the selected item based on the selected level of item diversity.

11. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system further comprises:

an item cluster module that is configured to partition each item associated with the selected artist in the source of items into one or more clusters, based on attributes associated with each item,

and wherein the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on the cluster of the one or more clusters associated with the selected item.

12. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the item selector is further configured to select the selected item based on whether the selected item is similar to other items associated with the selected artist.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a playlist, comprising:

facilitating a user to identify an identified artist;

using an artist similarity module ~~of the system~~ to identify one or more similar artists to the identified artist thereby forming an artist list;

facilitating the approval or modification of the artist list by the user;

using an artist selector ~~of the system~~ to iteratively select an artist from the artist list; and

using an item selector of the system to iteratively select an item associated with the ~~select-selected~~ artist, and include an identifier of the ~~select-selected~~ item in the playlist.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein

selecting the selected artist includes

selecting the selected artist from a plurality of artists associated with the source of items, and wherein

selecting the selected item includes

selecting the selected item from a plurality of items in the source of items.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a subset of source items from a source of items, based on one or more preferences of a user,

and wherein the step of selecting the selected item includes:

selecting the selected item from the subset of source items.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further includes the step of:

identifying a selected level of artist similarity,  
and wherein the identifying of one or more similar artists is based on the selected level of artist similarity.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a selected level of artist diversity,  
and wherein selecting the selected artist is based on the selected level of artist diversity.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

identifying a selected level of item diversity,  
and wherein selecting the selected item is based on the selected level of item diversity.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

clustering each item associated with the selected artist into one or more clusters,

and wherein selecting the selected item is based on the cluster of the one or more clusters associated with the selected item.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein

selecting the selected item includes  
determining a similarity of the selected item to other items associated with the selected artist, and  
selecting the selected item based on the similarity.